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Dear Parent/Carer

SCHOOL FUND

Over the years our students have benefited enormously from equipment and facilities purchased with School Fund money and additional monies raised by parent/carers through the Downlands School Association.

Money donated by parent/carers to the School Fund is used to purchase items, activities or facilities above and beyond that provided by the Local Education Authority. As an example of the spending it has supported by full or partial payment;

- improvements to the students' environment, e.g. more picnic benches to provide outside eating
- treat events for students with outstanding behaviour records
- flexi day and curriculum events and trips
- extra-curricular clubs costs and equipment

Given our poor financial settlement from Central Government and West Sussex these funds are ever more important to us, and enable us to keep up our outstanding curricular and extra-curricular provision that makes Downlands such a vibrant community.

Parent/Carers can set up a standing order for the amount they decide for the duration of your daughter/son's education at Downlands whether it's annually or monthly, for their School Fund donation. Through parent/carers promising to give a fixed amount per year to the school, under the Regular Giving Scheme, we can plan our spending effectively, make use of bargain offers and generally achieve a higher standard of provision in a number of important areas.

You can also make your donation online via Scopay or send in a cheque made payable to Downlands Community School.

With your consent, all donations can be "Gift Aided" if you are a regular tax payer as we are able to receive an extra 25% from the Inland Revenue. For example if you donate £20 we would actually receive £25. Please sign in the appropriate place if you agree to "Gift Aid" your donation and return the form to the school.

If all parent/carers were able to donate £20 or more this would raise just over £20,000. We are of course grateful for any amount of donation, as family finances permit, and in the past a minimum request had been set at £5 which had been held for at least 20 years!

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Wignall
Headteacher

